

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on April 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 218, 3/27/2017; SJ 9, 3/27/2017

HEARING ON SB 218

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 218, Revise the apprentice hunter program.

[EXHIBIT\(fih70a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih70a02\)](#)

00:01:35 Rep. Z. Brown joined the meeting

00:03:45 Rep. Court joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:16 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:08:13 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:09:30 Scott Boulanger, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:44 Wayde Cooperider, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:11:21 Jeff Herbert, Montanan Sportsman Alliance (MSA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:56 Rep. Vinton

00:14:41 Wayde Cooperider, FWP

00:14:56 Rep. Z. Brown

00:15:23 Sen. Blasdel

00:15:45 Chair Flynn

00:16:20 Sen. Blasdel

00:16:48 Chair Flynn

00:19:58 Hank Worsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:32 Sen. Blasdel

Committee Business:

00:23:42 Chair Flynn

00:28:23 Rep. Price

00:29:07 Rep. B. Brown

00:29:26 Chair Flynn

00:30:11 Rep. Price

00:31:34 Chair Flynn

00:32:52 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:34:09 Recessed

00:41:57 Reconvened

HEARING ON SJ 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:11 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Interim study regarding chronic wasting disease and ungulate populations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:05 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation (MWF) (NWF)

00:48:54 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

00:50:02 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitter and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:50:53 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih70a03)

00:53:27 Jeff Herbert, Montanan Sportsman Alliance (MSA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:52 Rep. White

00:57:32 Quentin Kujala, FWP

00:59:43 Rep. White

01:01:31 Sen. Phillips

01:02:27 Rep. White

01:03:39 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:04:38 Rep. Shaw

01:05:29 Ben Lamb, MWF, NWF

01:07:43 Rep. Shaw

01:07:54 Rep. M. Regier

01:08:07 Ben Lamb, MWF, NWF

01:08:54 Chair Flynn

01:09:21 Sen. Phillips

01:10:00 Chair Flynn

01:12:39 Quentin Kujala, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:18 Sen. Phillips

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:16:39

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih70aad.pdf](#))